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THE NEW MUTANT



⚡ The worst thing about nightmares is that the chaos...

...the fear...

...it's all designed by you.

Hiding in your mind's darkest shadows.

Waiting for paralysis to kick in, for your heart rate to slow.

And then, when you're a captive audience...



YOU

BELONG



WITH



US



...it shows you the worst side of yourself.



Face it, my dear...

...you're lost.



Help! LET ME OUT!

Hello.



WAA
AA
A-

I think it was a *French* poet who once said, "The best way to make your dreams come true is to *wake up*."



I wonder if he ever considered nightmares.

--AAAAH!!

Empire State University.

Reality.

ORCHIS SCIENCE CENTER

GAWWW!



I'm awake! What happened? Are you okay?!



Nghh... sorry. Bad dream.

Phew!

Hey, you beat my high score.

It's probably first-day jitters. Happens to all of us from time to time.



More like every time.

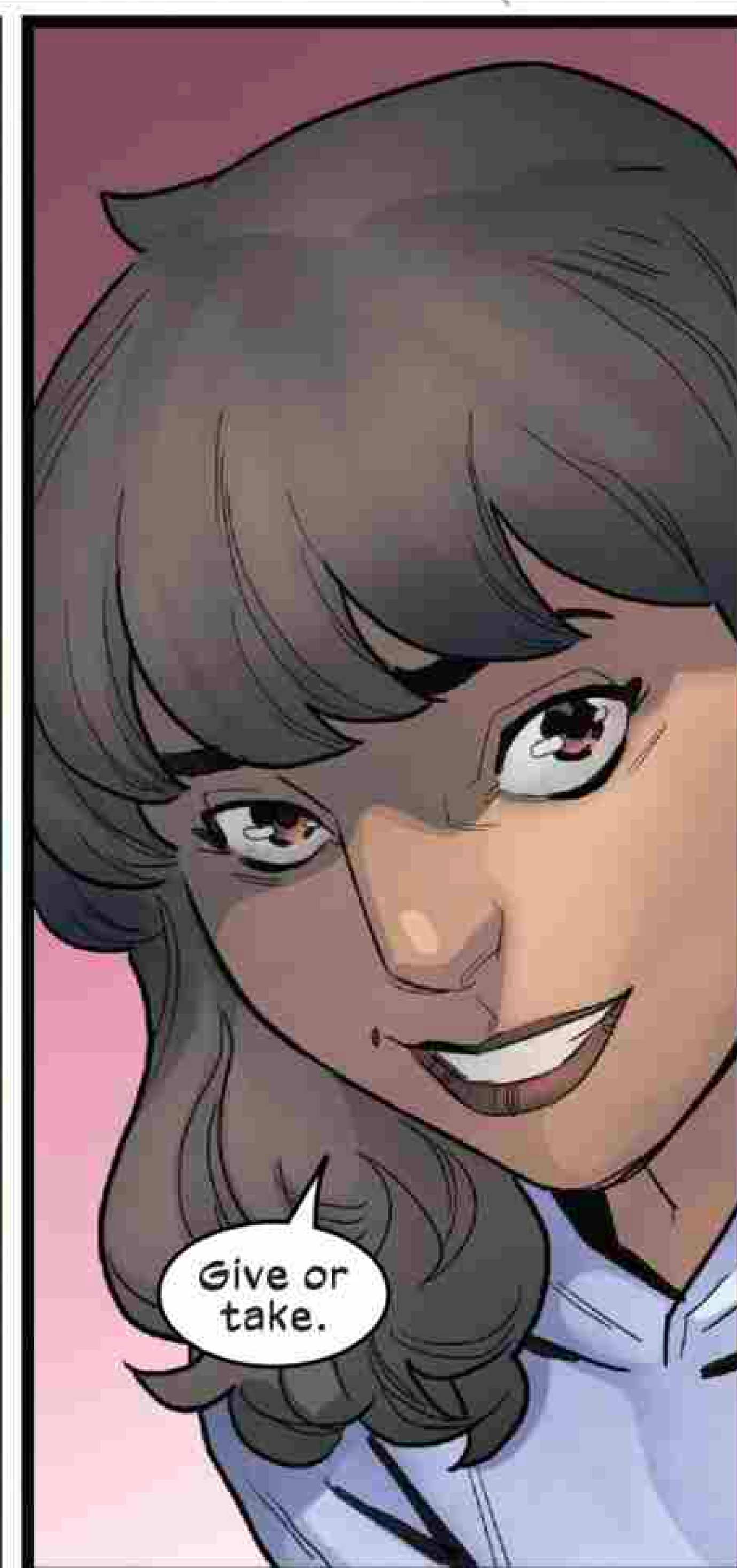
You'll be fine! Although you should probably hurry up if you wanna beat the traffic.

What traffic?



You didn't hear? The *Mutant* Watch club is holding a campus-wide protest this morning. That Ms. Marvel caused some real hubbub yesterday.

Oh, and, Kamala, if you two need some privacy next time, just let me know. I can crash with Serena down the hall.





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FEARED AND HUNTED

With anti-mutant sentiment at an all-time high, thanks to Orchis' machinations, Kamala Khan, A.K.A. Ms. Marvel, is getting a crash course on what it is to be a mutant.

Working with Synch and the rest of the X-Men, Kamala is investigating an Orchis-funded tech program at Empire State University and has already uncovered some troubling Orchis experiments on a member of the Chitauri. But Kamala's efforts have also placed her in Omega Sentinel and Orchis scientist Dr. Nitika Gaiha's crosshairs. And with her sleep continuously interrupted by disturbing dreams, Kamala's off her game -- and Orchis is all too ready to exploit that.

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3 [NITIKA GAIHA]
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You met the *Silver Surfer* in your dreams?!

No, no, not *THE* Silver Surfer.

He was wearing *Dr. Strange's* cloak.



So you met... *Dr. Surfer*? Heh. Almost sounds like one of your fanfics.

Did someone switch on a light bulb?



Uhh... Kamala?

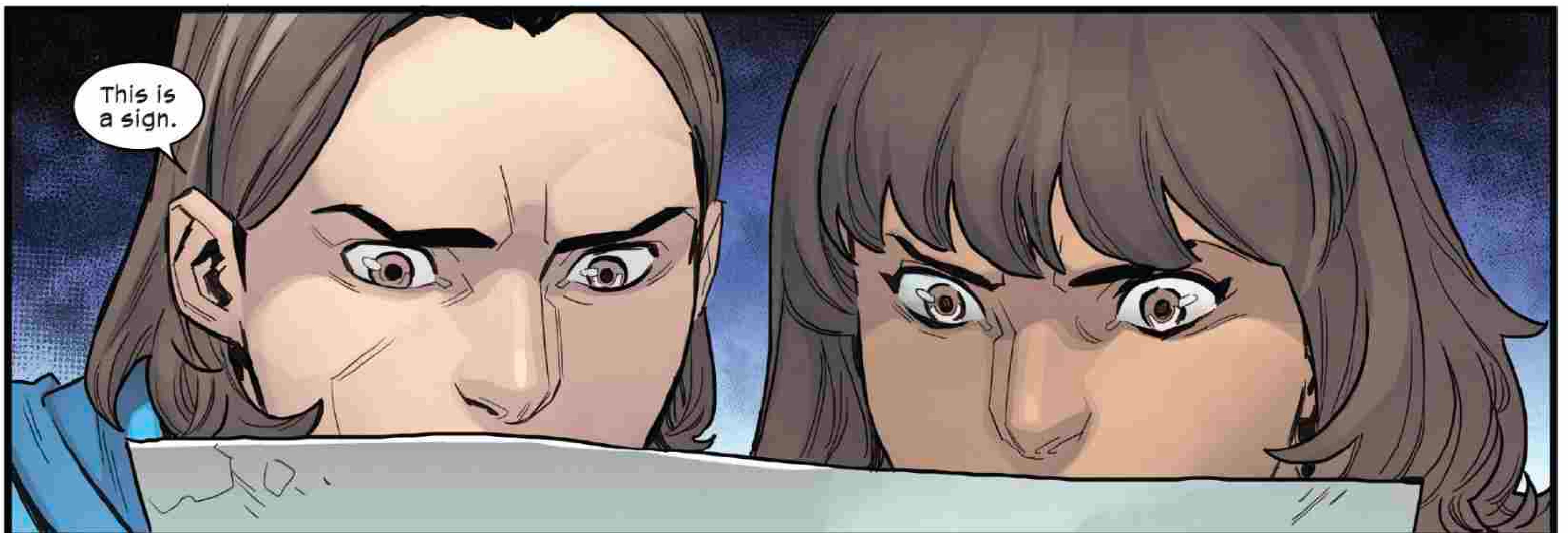
Dude, you're a genius!

Wait...it actually *is* a fanfic that you made? And you *forgot* that you made it?

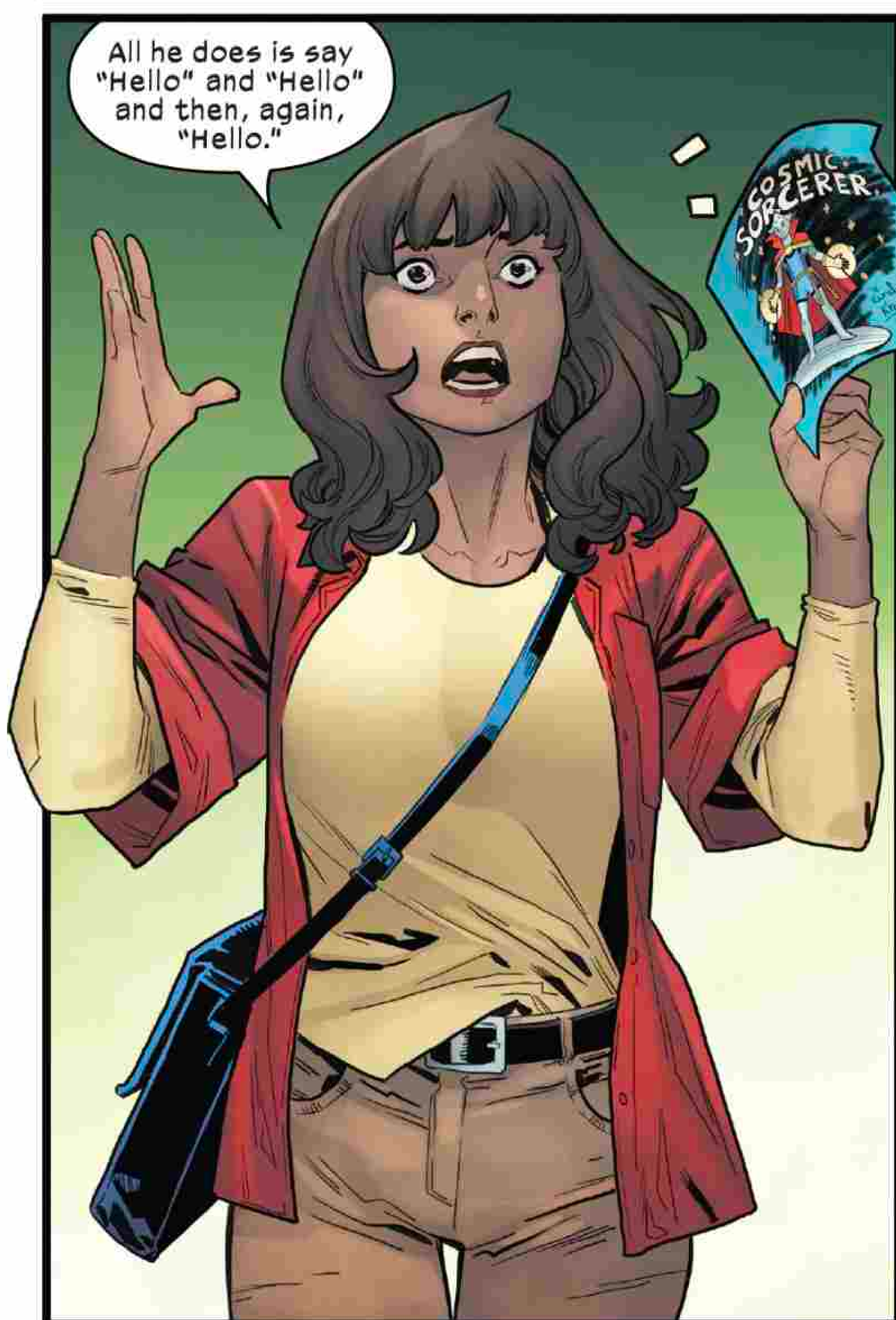
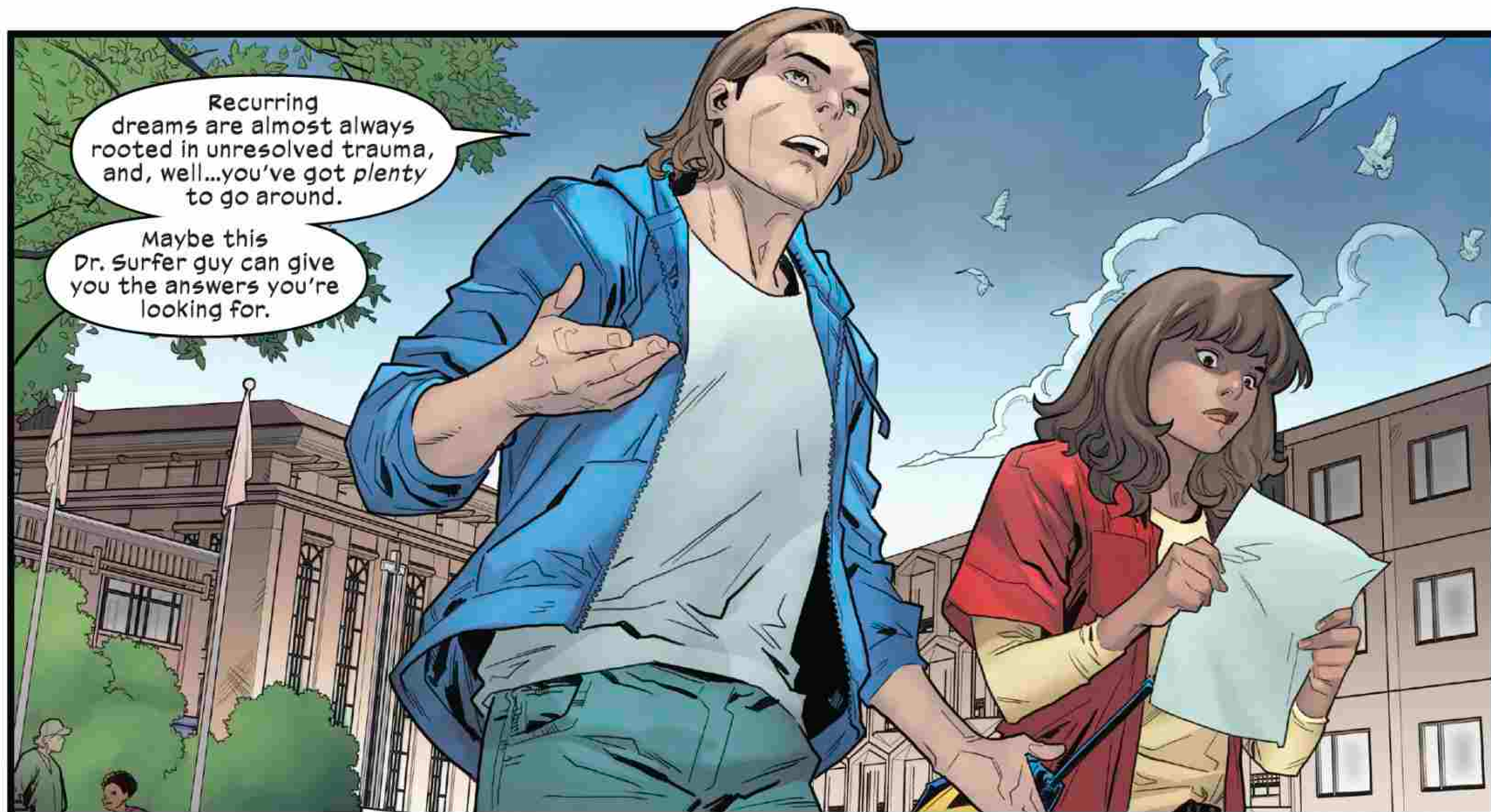
I make a lot of fanfics, as you know. Mostly different continuities. One sec...



Let's see, Kaptain Karachi... 6-foot-Wolvie... Aha!



This is a sign.





So, this is what Michelle was talking about. The crowd of protesters is bigger than I thought. And they're all united against *me*.

But there's gotta be counter-protestors...



Oh. There's only one.



She's getting harassed now because she's standing up for me.



This isn't right. I need to do something--

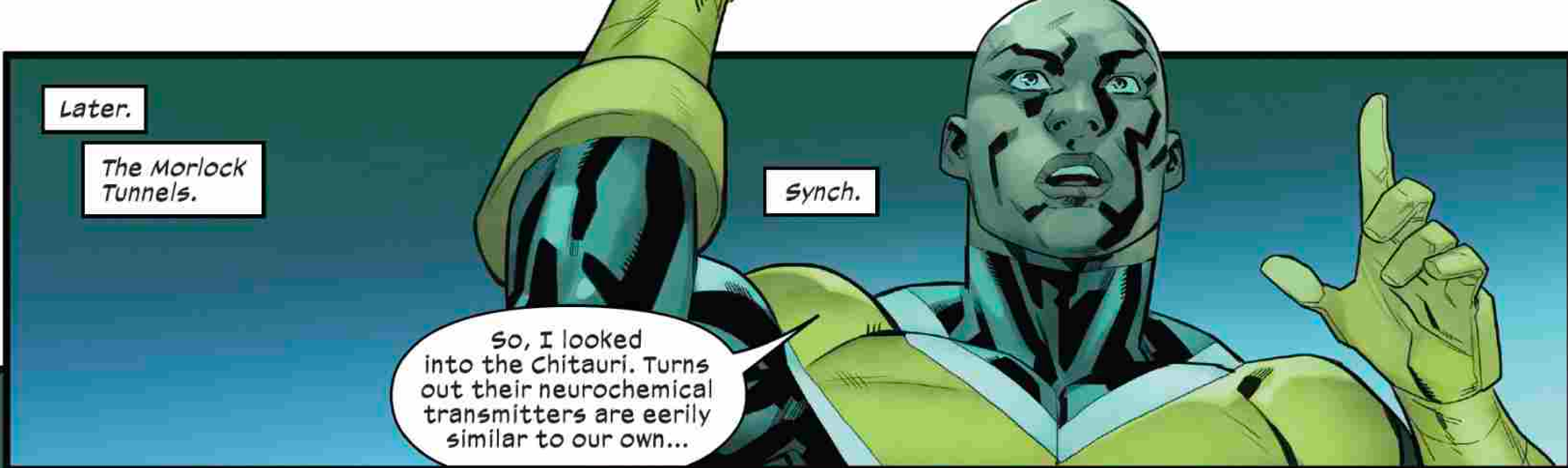
OW!



But what? Using my powers will only increase their fear.

There's nothing more I can do. Except watch hate win.





Later.

The Morlock Tunnels.

Synch.

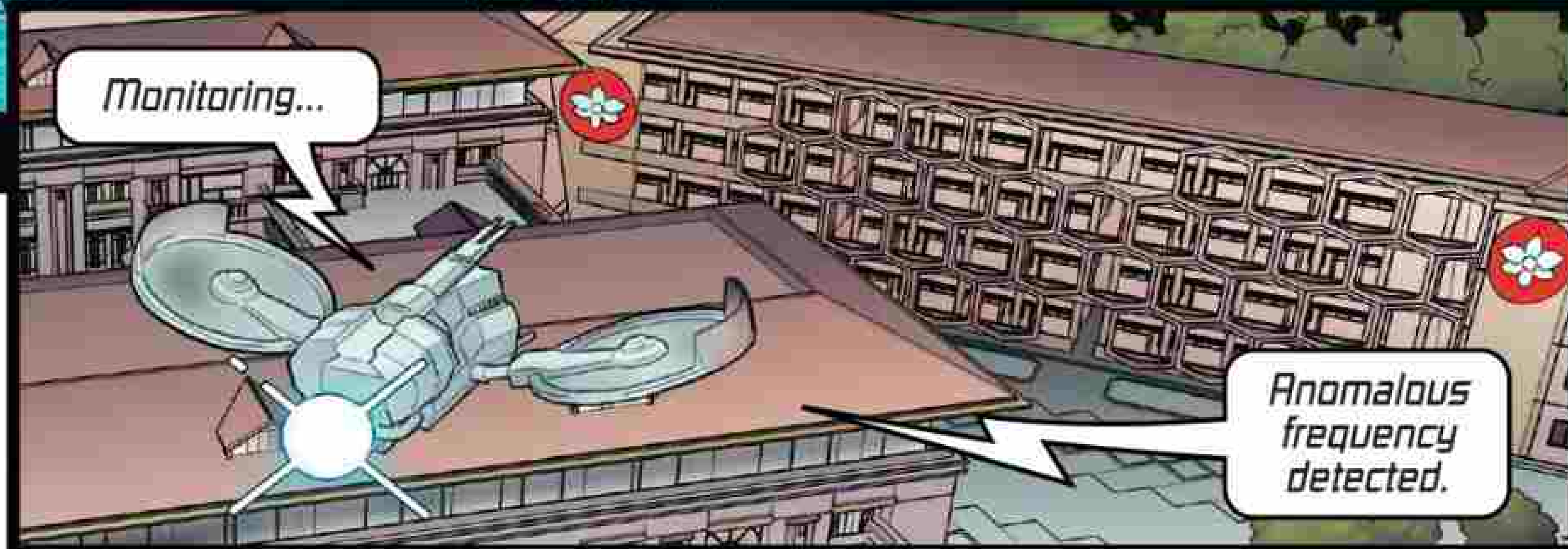
So, I looked into the Chitauri. Turns out their neurochemical transmitters are eerily similar to our own...



...except they carry a higher level of electricity. My best guess? Orchis is developing some kind of radio telepathy.



Why bother? They don't need telepathy when good old propaganda works just fine.

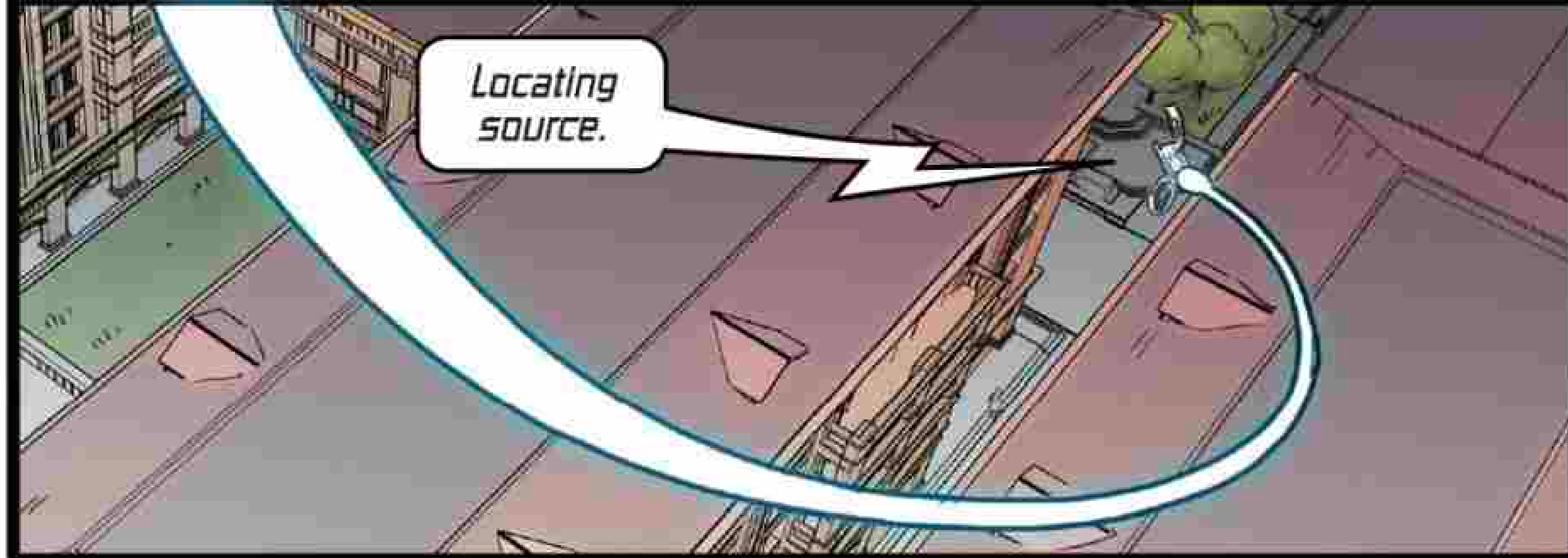


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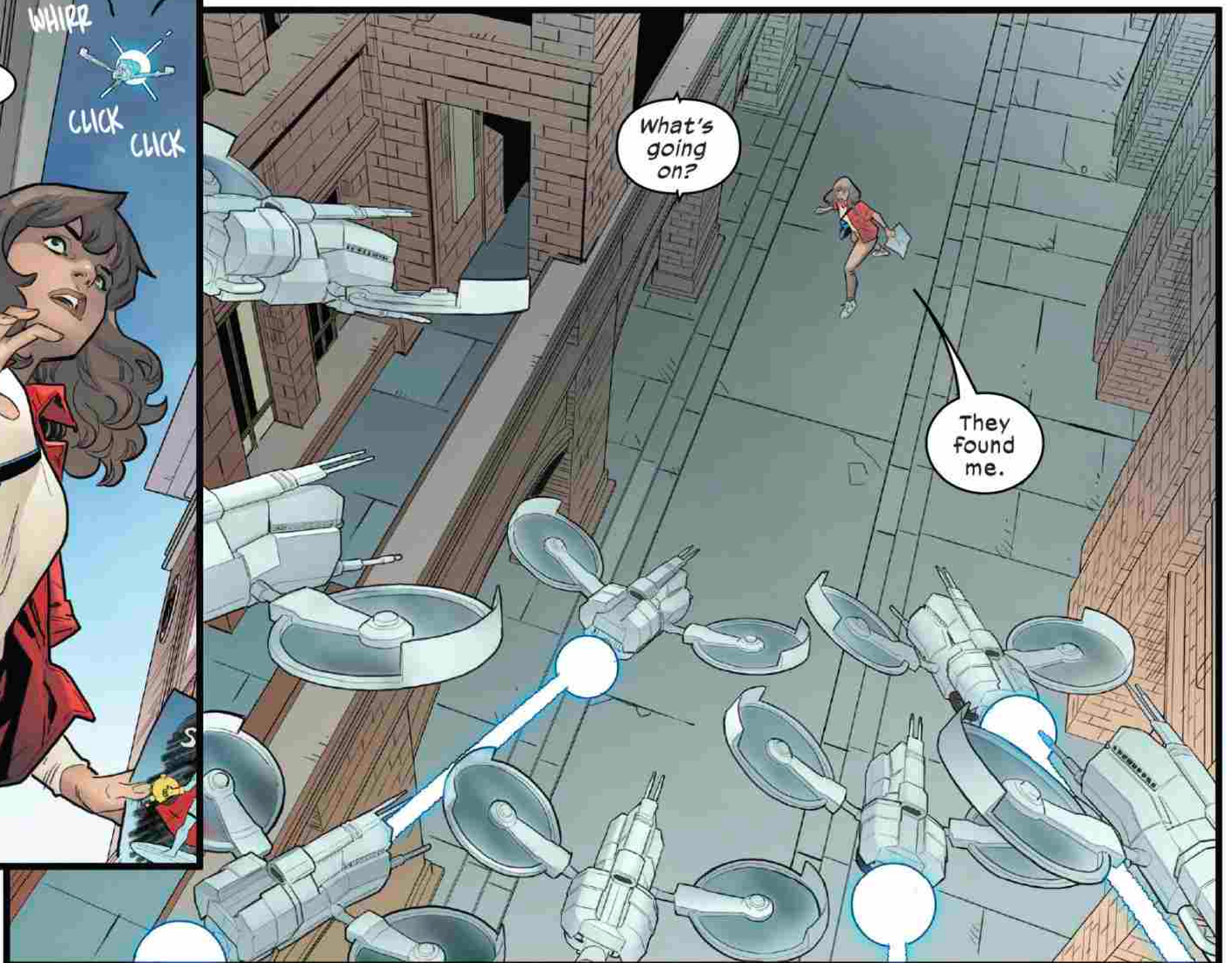
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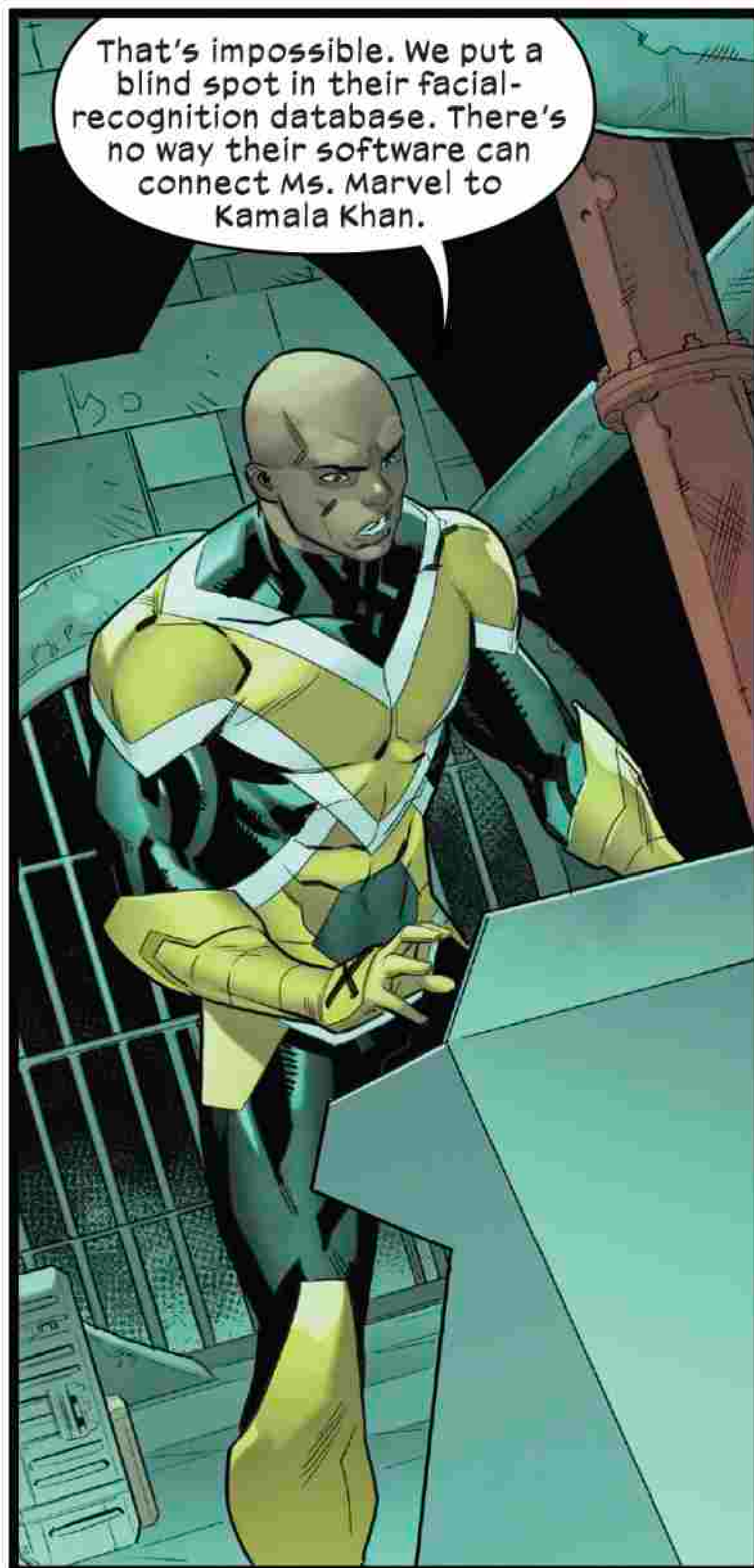


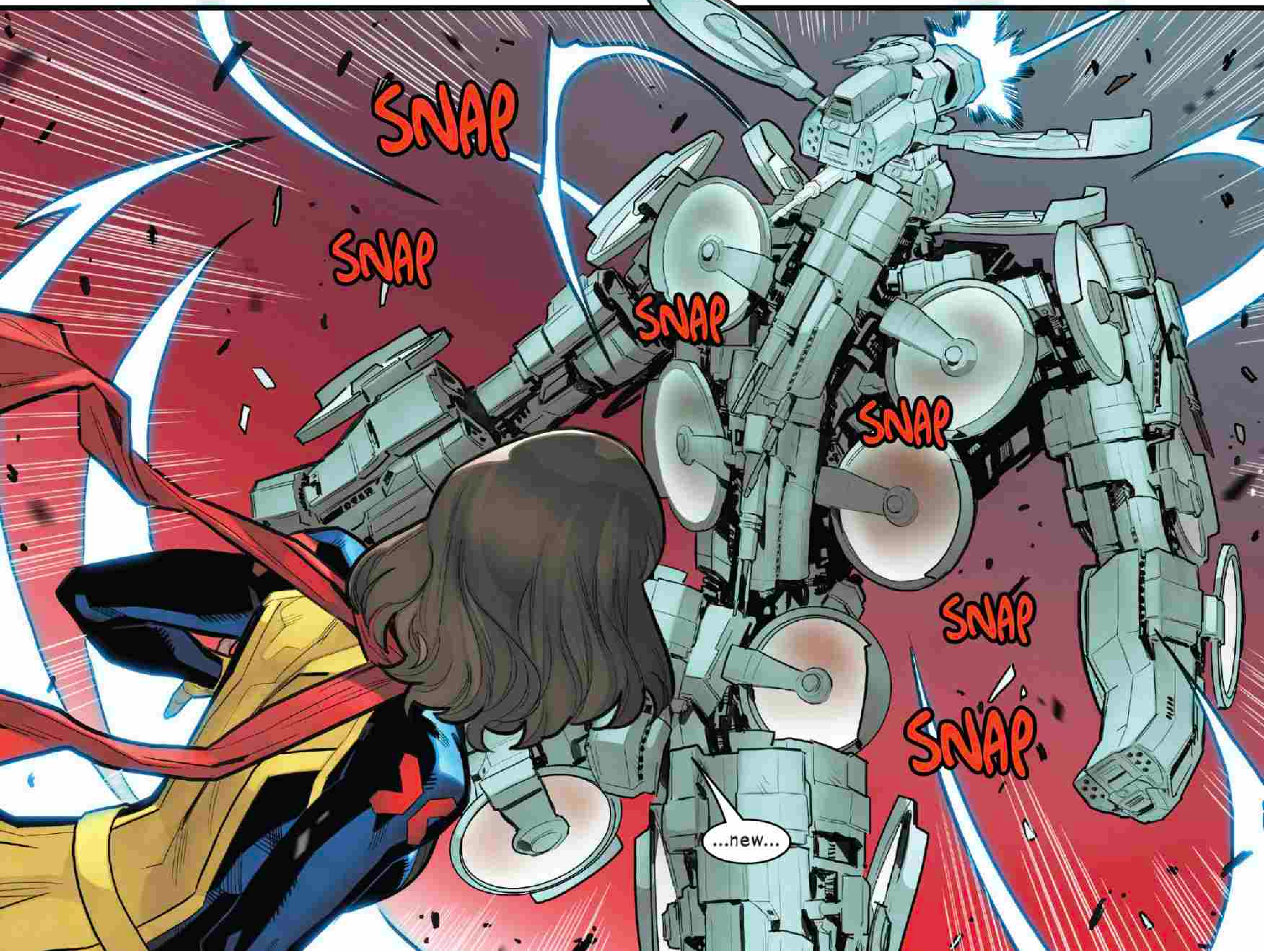
You should have seen them, Synch. They're so afraid of us.



Locating source.









Crap.



Whoa there.
Okay. That's
all...very
sharp...



Drones are easier to
take separately than
as one giant robot.



Just need
to apply the
right--



Pressure!



Huh? I
don't think
this is my
doing.

Nope. It's
mine. Though
I'm happy not
to take the
credit.



Trying to stay under the radar in this stealth suit after all.



Iron Man?!

SZZT

SZZT



No offense, but I play for a different team now and figured, if anyone was gonna show up, it'd be from the X side of things, y'know?

Whirr



I really do. But you know what they say.

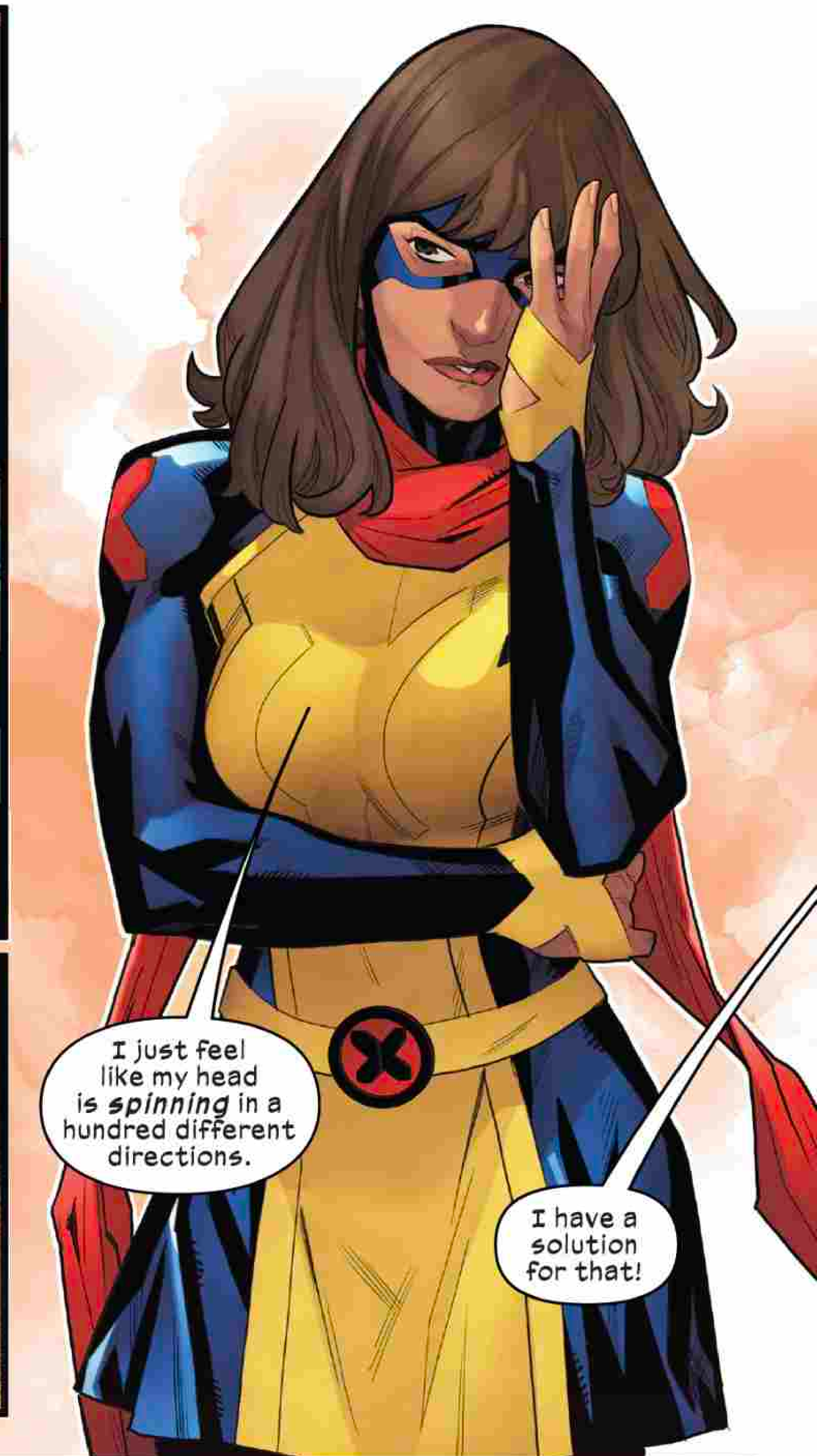
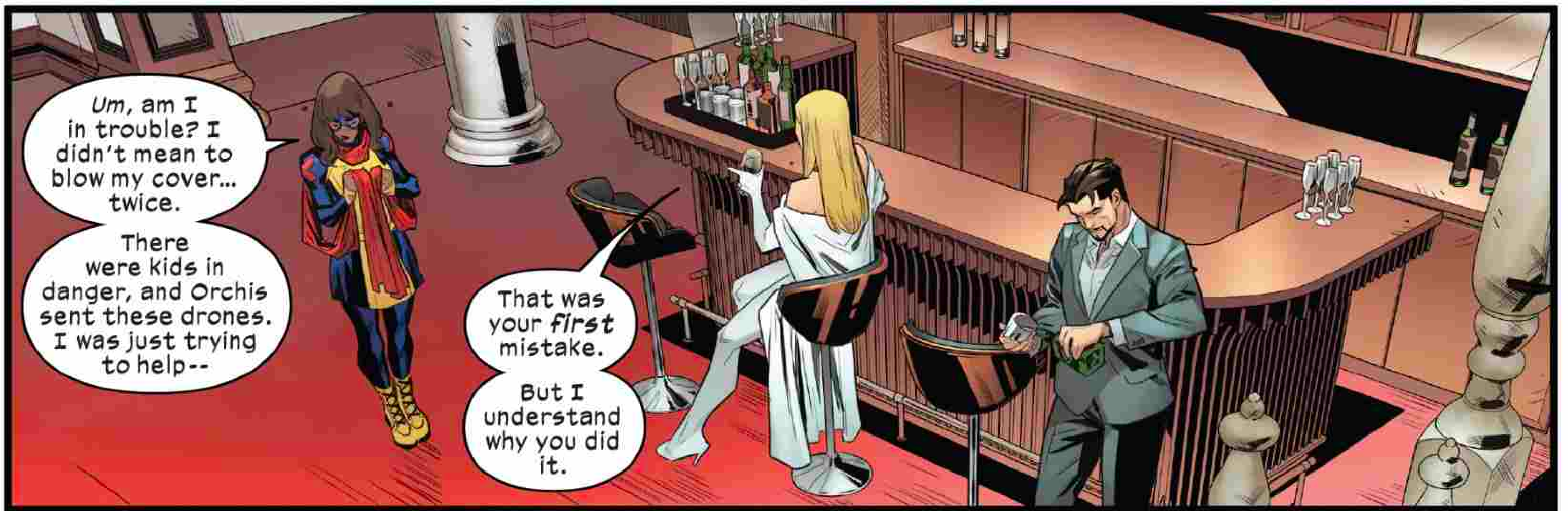
"Happy wife, happy life."



Tony Stark, a married man. Now, this I gotta see!

Tck







Tony. We need to have ourselves a little ladies' chat. Be a good little human and wait outside, will you?

Wanna put me on a leash while you're at it? Not that I'd complain. (A little role-playing never hurt anyone).

Um?



Take your time. I'll be out front, Kiddo!

Are we just gonna ignore that?

Mr. Stark and I have an arrangement.

Right. Holy matrimony.

Hardly.

So you are role-playing!



Kamala. Synch told me what happened before the drone attack.

I know you told me the hate was real, but I thought--

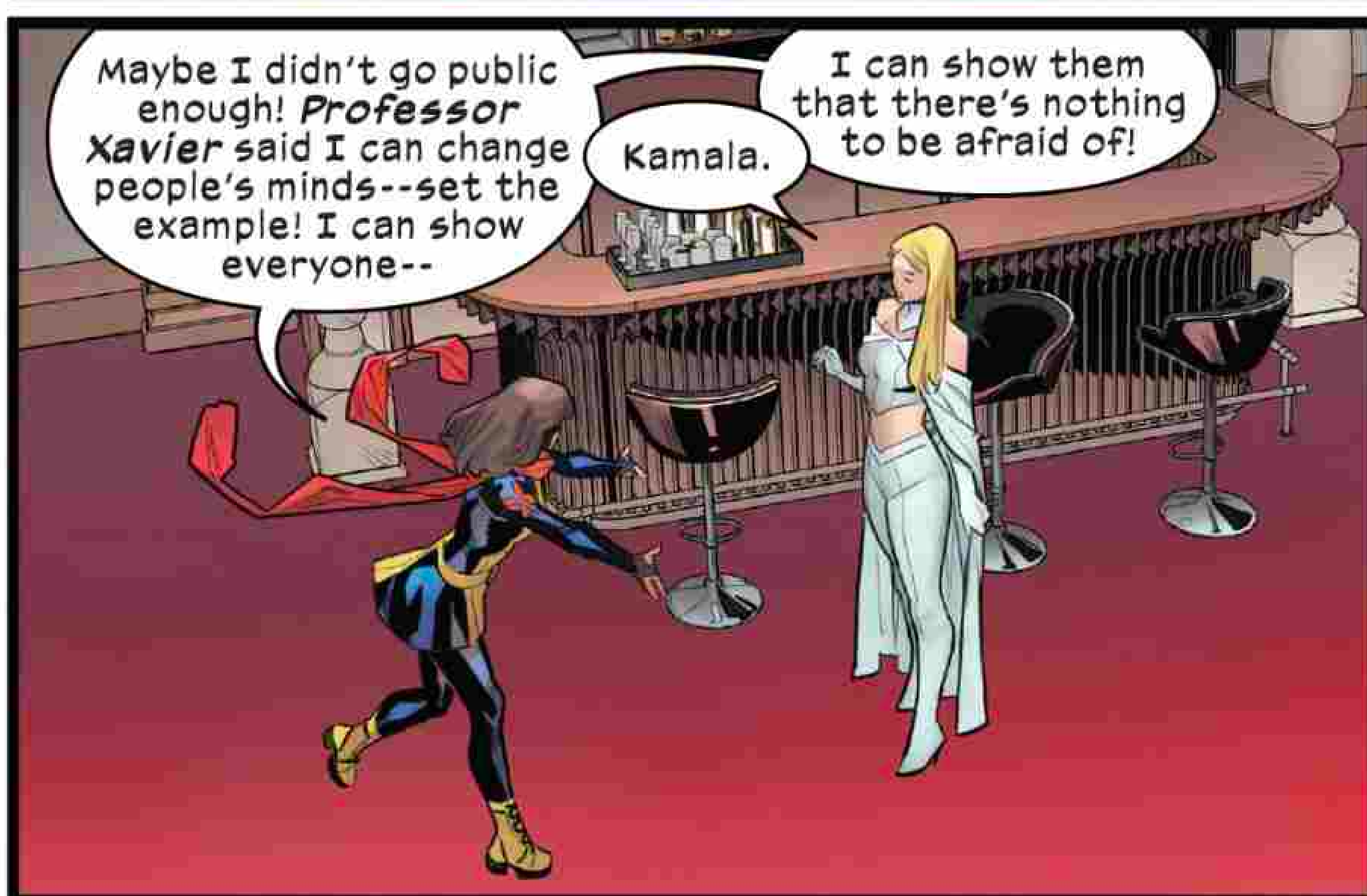
If you'd stayed *hidden* like I told you to, you never would've had to *face* that crushing reality.

Hide-and-seek is not a game I like playing either--it's why I've altered my appearance to you telepathically so you can see the real me. But the truth is, any mutant who comes out in the open will be crushed.



It makes no sense! I'm a *Pakistani-American-Inhu-Mutant*.

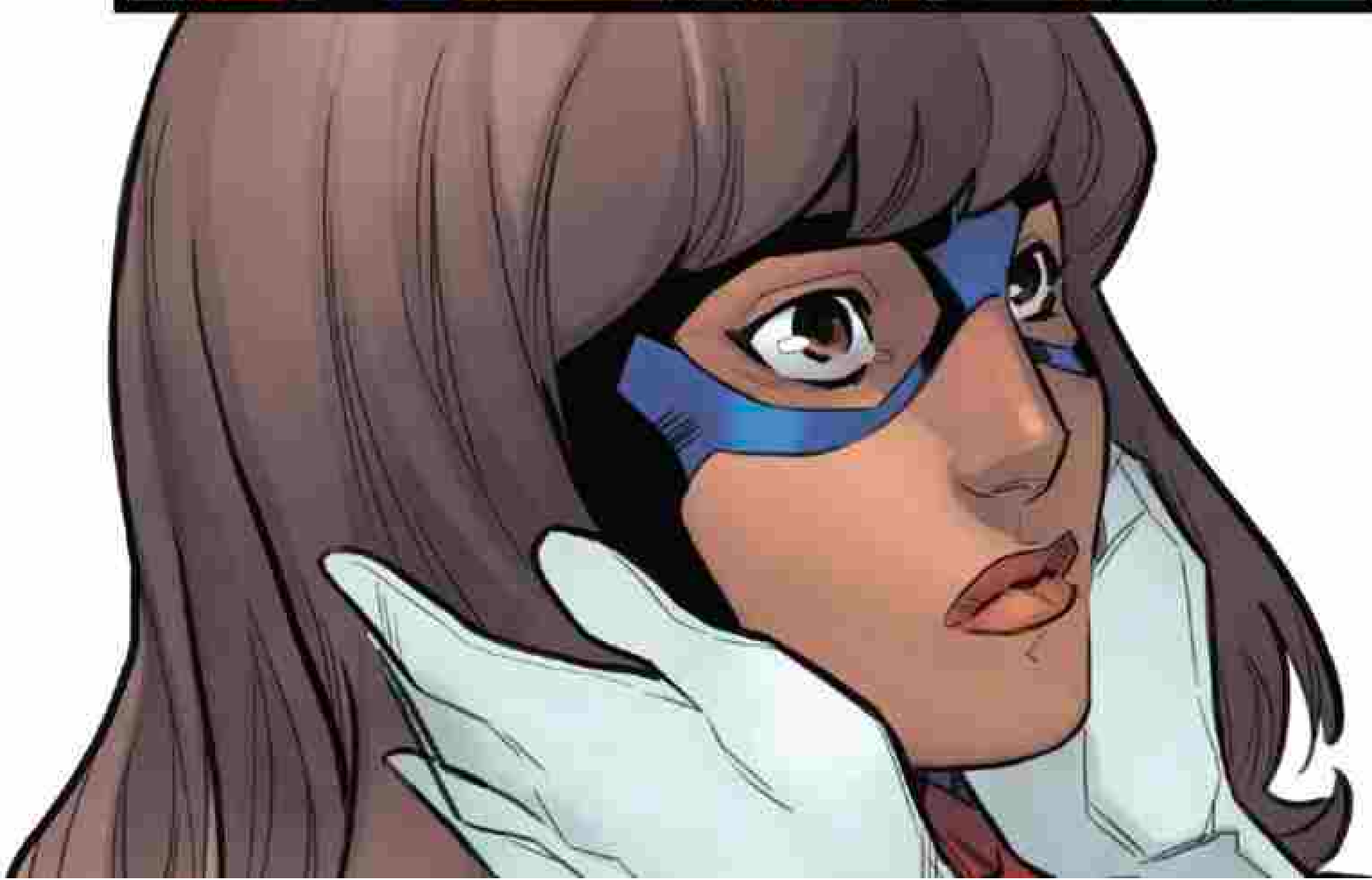
I'm literally walking *proof* that we can all coexist!



Maybe I didn't go public enough! *Professor Xavier* said I can change people's minds--set the example! I can show everyone--

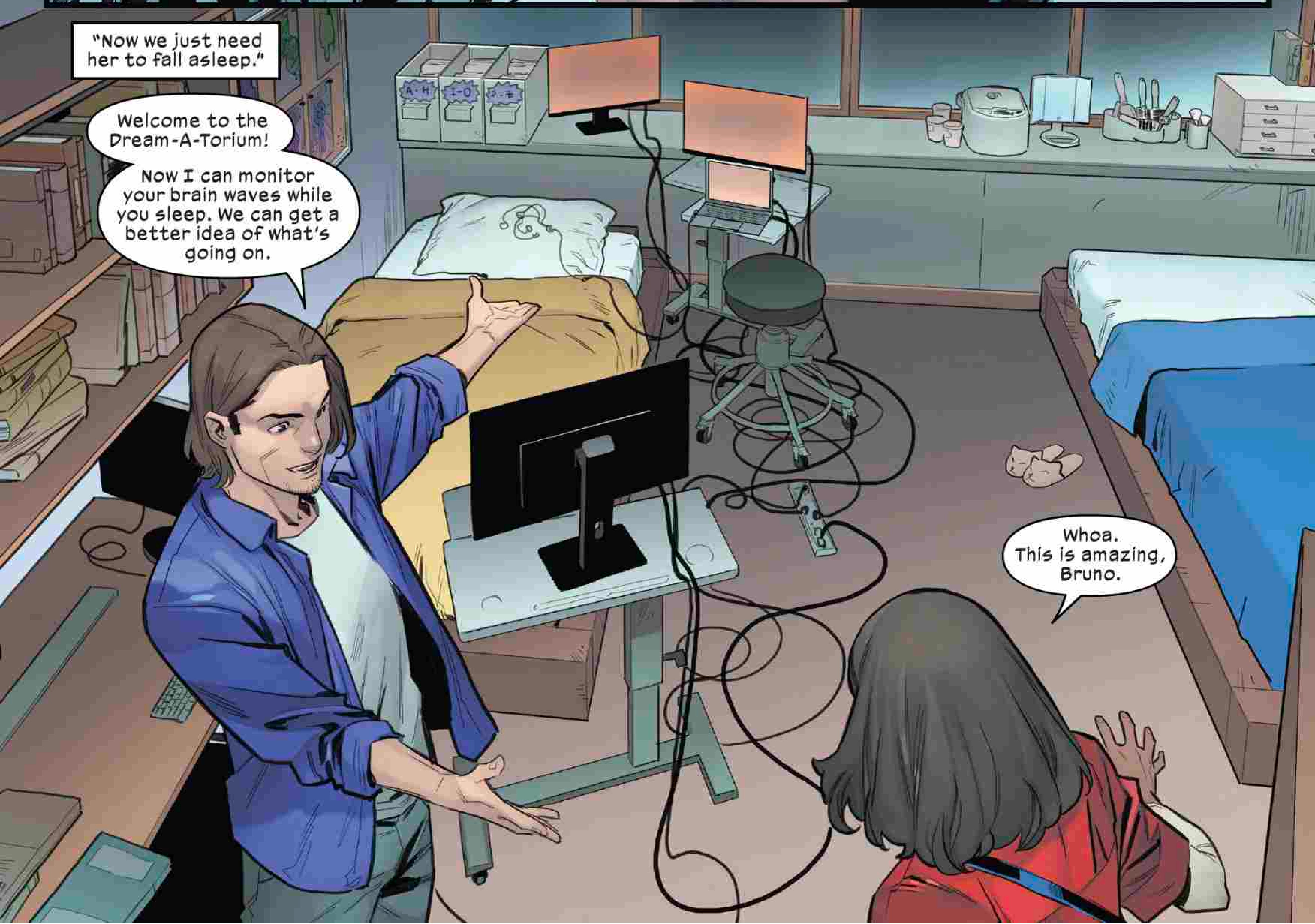
Kamala.

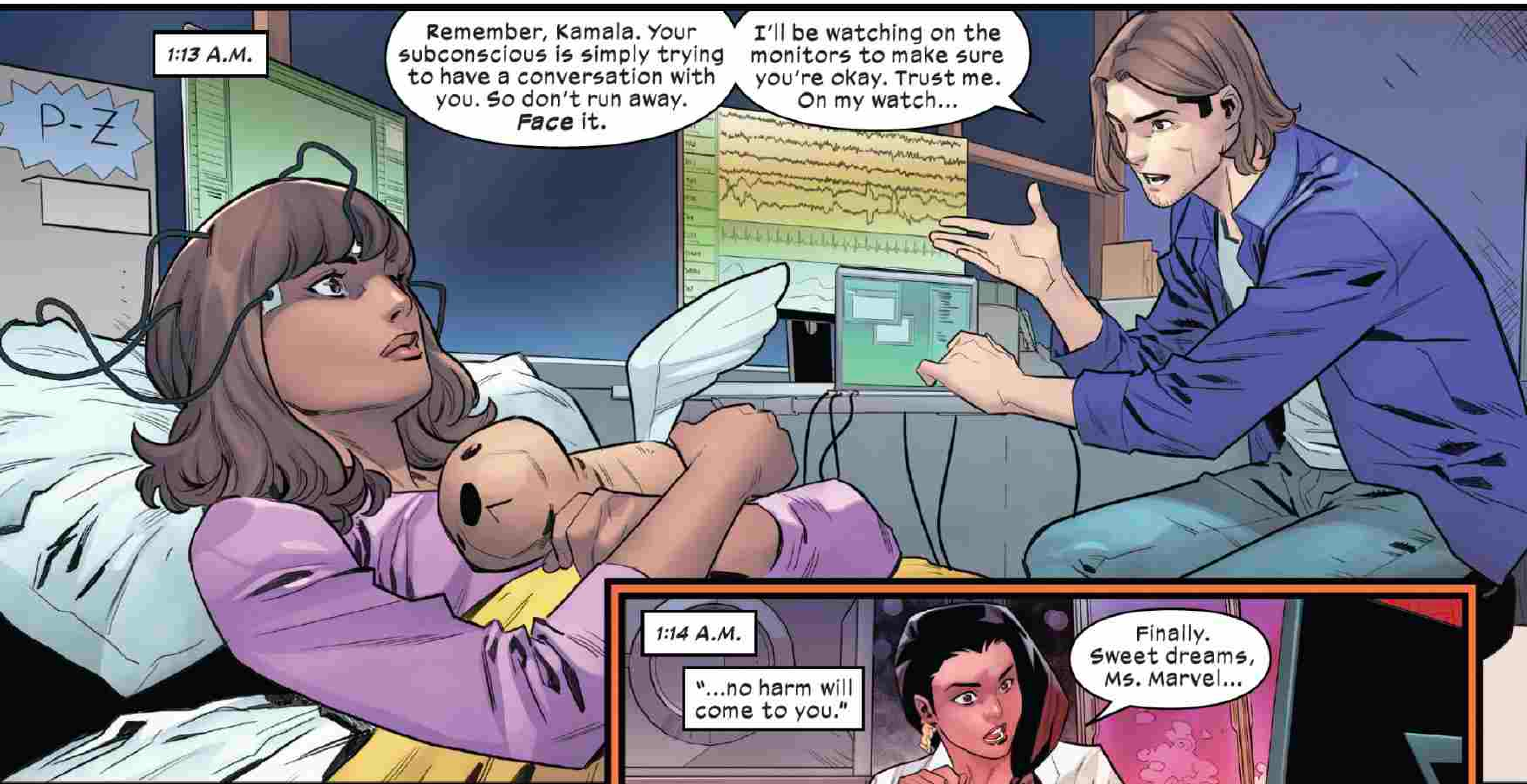
I can show them that there's nothing to be afraid of!

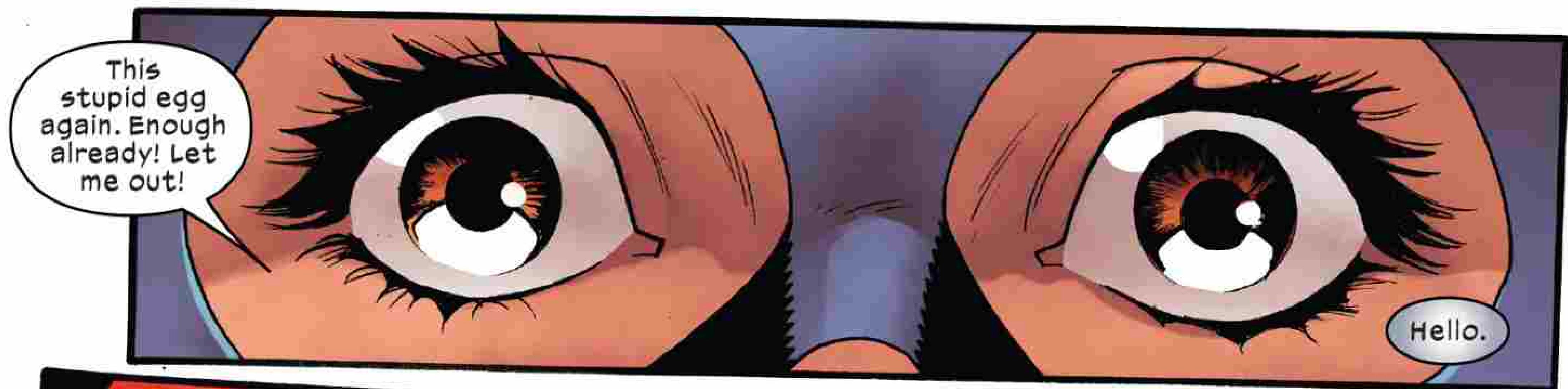


My dear. Please. Set the misplaced idealism aside and try settling for finding peace *within* yourself...

...so I don't have to cradle your body someday. I'm rather tired of that.







TO ME,
MY BOARD!



A journey to the
center of my own
fanfiction-filled
head trip.

Now that's a
great title.

Note to self:
Remember to
type this out
if you wake up.

X



KAMIC RIDER

MARIKA